

**SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
GRANT APPLICATION**

Project Name: Chatsworth Peak (Wallace) Acquisition	Amount of Request: \$ 180,000 Total Project Cost: \$ 225,000						
Applicant Name: Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	Amount of Match: \$ 45,000 Source of Match: RSRPD \$27,500; SMMPC \$17,500						
Applicant Address: 1692 Sycamore Drive Simi Valley, CA 93065	Project Address: N/A						
Phone: (805) 584-4418 Fax: (805) 526-7648	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%; text-align: center;">County</td> <td style="width: 33%; text-align: center;">Senate District</td> <td style="width: 33%; text-align: center;">Assembly District</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Ventura</td> <td style="text-align: center;">19 – McClintock</td> <td style="text-align: center;">37 – Strickland</td> </tr> </table>	County	Senate District	Assembly District	Ventura	19 – McClintock	37 – Strickland
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Email: ed@rsrpd.us							

Grantee's Authorized Representative:
 Larry Peterson, General Manager (805) 584-4400

Name and Title *Phone*

Person with day-to-day responsibility for project:
 Ed Hayduk, Assistant General Manager (805) 584-4418

Name and Title *Phone*

Brief Scope of Work (60 words maximum):
 Fee acquisition of approximately 2.95 acres, APN 648-0-183-050, 648-0-200-020, and 649-0-070-060.

Funding Source Applied for: Proposition 84

Narrative/Project Description:

Chatsworth Peak is part of the critical intermountain range habitat linkage between the Santa Susana Mountains and the Simi Hills. In regards to this habitat linkage, most of the attention has focused on the north-facing slope of the peak specifically on the connection between Santa Susana Pass and Box Canyon Road. A high-quality habitat linkage also exists across the south-facing slope via Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park. The south-facing slope contains a high concentration of large sandstone outcrops and unique microhabitats. However, the only protected land between the State Historic Park and Box Canyon is an approximately 10-acre cluster of open space owned and managed by the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District (RSRPD). Efforts are underway to develop many of the other lots in this corridor. One such threatened ownership is the Zorro's cabin parcels that the RSRPD was outbid on earlier this year. That ownership is at the edge of a broad, gently-sloping shelf of land between Lilac Lane and Studio Road. This shelf makes an ideal area for a trail between the State Historic Park and the North American Cutoff which is a frequently traveled dirt road between Box Canyon Road and Sage Ranch Park.

The subject Wallace property is also situated at the south edge of this gently-sloped shelf, and is adjacent to the easternmost of the two Zorro's cabin parcels. During the time period that RSRPD was pursuing the Zorro's cabin parcels, the owner approached staff with hopes of making a deal where the property could be permanently protected. The Wallaces are selling four parcels totaling approximately 4.95 acres. The parcels have been appraised. Of the offered parcels, MRCA is in the process of acquiring APN 649-0-070-050 (2 acres), and RSRPD is proposing to acquire the remaining 2.95 acres: APNs 648-0-183-050, 648-0-200-020, and 649-0-070-060.

APN 649-070-060 contains many large outcrops that rise several hundred feet up to the described gently-

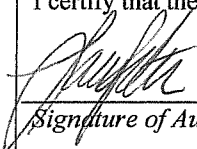
sloped plateau. APN 648-0-200-020 contains a large flat open area that is accessible via the same dirt road as the Zorro's cabin parcel. The rocks in this area contain a natural basin that fills to a depth exceeding five feet with a length exceeding fifteen feet. The clear water supports many unique plant and invertebrate species including fairy shrimp. The property contains most of the values supplied by the Zorro's cabin property, including unparalleled views of the San Fernando Valley and Chatsworth Reservoir, just not as many oak trees and a historic film set cabin. APN 648-0-183-050 is not contiguous with the other parcels, but it has conservation value and appraised at a nominal cost.

The Santa Susana Mountain Park Association is contributing \$17,500 toward the purchase of the property (this group also contributed \$10,000 toward the purchase of the parcel which is being acquired by the MRCA), and RSRPD is contributing \$27,500. The requested \$180,000 grant from Proposition 84 funds will provide the balance required to complete the purchase.

Tasks / Milestones:	Budget:	Completion Date
1 Land Acquisition	\$ 225,000	August 31, 2007
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Acquisition Projects: **APN(s):** 648-0-183-050, 648-0-200-020, and 649-0-070-060.
Acreage: Approximately 2.95 acres.

I certify that the information contained in this Grant Application form, including required attachments, is accurate.



Signature of Authorized Representative

6/27/07

Date

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